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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application No.: 10/713,598  
Inventors: Carol Rudolph  
Filed: November 14, 2003  
For: LITTER BOX  
Atty. Docket No.: 4000335-148192

Dear Sir:

We have enclosed an Amendment A which is filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 21, 2004 and Certificate of Filing by Mail. We also have enclosed our postcard receipt, which we ask that you acknowledge and return to us.

Very truly yours,



Richard M. Mescher

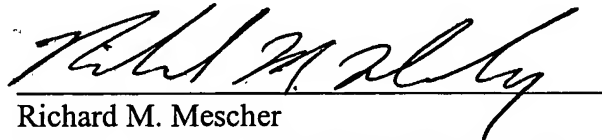
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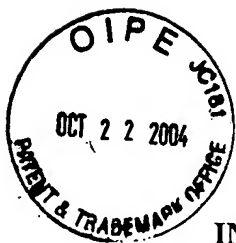
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: "LITTER BOX"  
Examiner: Bret C. Hayes  
Art Unit: 3644

**AMENDMENT "A"**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment "A" is filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 21, 2004 wherein the examiner set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. Please amend the application in the following manner and consider the remarks provided hereinafter prior to further examination of the application.